

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for preventing duplicate recording of a broadcasting program on a recording unit of a TV using additional information included in broadcasting signals. The method includes: reading additional information corresponding to a to-be-recorded broadcasting program before entering a recording mode; searching a recording unit and determining whether the recording unit stores title information corresponding to the to-be-recorded broadcasting program; if the title information corresponding to the to-be-recorded broadcasting program is detected, comparing summary information included in the additional information with that stored in the recording unit in connection with the detected title information and then calculating a correspondence ratio; and comparing the correspondence ratio with a predetermined reference value, and if the correspondence ratio is lower than the predetermined reference value, entering the recording mode to enable recording of the to-be-recorded broadcasting program on the recording unit.